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Must we have even more Colonial wars before the Colonial Office is convinced that

the old imperialist policy is an anachronism?

Pacifist Labour Candidate in

N. Ireland General Election From Denis P. Barritt

BELEIVE that it is wrong to sur up sectarian bitterness or strife on any pre-text; I will strive for the peaceful develop-ment of our native land within our present boundaries for the benefit of all our peoples."

This declaration was made by William R. Boyd, Labour Candidate for the Woodvale Division of Belfast, in the Northern Ireland

General Election, polling in which took place

An enthusiastic Peace News seller, William Boyd was opposed by an official and an un-official Unionist.

He is well-known in Belfast for his work at the Conlon Street Mission Boys' Club.

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By TOM WARDLE

is a year last Monday midnight since

Civil War began in Kenya. Since that time, according to reports, 700 fricans and 17 Europeans have been killed Mau Mau operators. In reply to this 70 in have been hanged, 2,000 killed (in a mety of ways) and 30,000 are imprisoned.

Daily Express correspondent John Redfern this week from Nairobi:

Last July I forecast the early defeat of he Mau Mau terrorists. I was wrong. Many beople then thought Mau Mau was an attack could be cured with a hefty dose of the tight fever cured with a herry tarmoured the fever cure, fighter bombers, armoured the fars and propaganda. By now it is clear that Mau Mau is a chronic disease, widespread, dep-rooted."

these methods, plus the anti-democratic, practices of collective punishment, sup-

enya casualties: How to read the figures

More European members of the armed forces in Kenya have been killed and wounded by accidental discharge of firearms n in action against Mau Mau.

Eigures given to the Kenya Legislative Council early in October by the Chief Secretary, Mr. H. S. Potter, showed that up the end of September ten had been killed by the end of September ten had been killed by the corosis. wounded in clashes with terrorasts, but irteen had been killed and twelve wounded accidents with firearme.

sion of schools, co-operatives and reason-From has been met with counter-terror; a quisling mentality has been fostered Africans as the expression of social

and arrogance have mixed with outbid pride to issue in a despicable new form

Man Mau did not appear from nowhere,

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LIVE ON THESE Emrys Hughes answers Hannen Swaffer TN KENYA (1947), BY EMRYS HUGHES, M.P. of about 16,000

MET the Duke of Bedford only once. When I returned from China last year he wrote to me asking if I would tell him my impressions of what was going on

Then he invited me to lunch, but preferring to meet a Duke on my own ground I invited him to meet me at the House of Commons. So he came and I talked to him of how the Chinese had abolished the landlords and what a good thing this was for China.

statesmanship over Korea is India whose leade's refused to join in a futile war but were prepared to act as mediators and conciliators.

DID WE KILL HITLERISM?

And what about Germany? Read Posterial a good thing this was for China.

He had a quiet sense of humour and there was a twinkle in his eye when I assured him hat the Chinese made provisions in their land reform for allocating land to landlords who were prepared to redeem themselves by honest work

When I was editor of the Glasgow weekly, Forward, I knew him as an indefatigable writer of letters to the editor, and there was always some point in what he wrote. That is why I entirely disagree with what Hannen Swaffer wrote about him in the Daily Herald.

Of course he was a strange Duke, an odd man out in the House of Lords and among our ancient hereditary aristocracy. But when nature produces an intelligent Duke why should Swaffer protest? After all there are not many of them. And when I think of the Duke of A—down the whole list of Debrett to the Duke of W—there is a lot to be said for the Duke of Bedford.

He may have been an eccentric and a queer fish but he had the pluck to stand up for ideas which were anothema to the class to which he belonged and in which he was

And on one occasion he did a very brave thing, he went to the House of Lords and spoke out for Christian tolerance when our ecclesiastical dignitaries, in a very unchristian spirit were howling with the pack for the blood of the Dean of Canterbury.

Swaffer says that the Duke was a pacifist and an unpractical idealist like Dick Sheppard and George Lansbury and others "who will not face the facts." I hold that it is the pacifists who face the facts, and their critics who do not.

THE WAR WAY

When the war came in Korea who refused to face the facts that this was cruel, hideous, destructive war, likely to involve us in war with China and perhaps half the world.

Truman assured his Press conference that it was not a war but a police action. When questioned Attlee about it in Parliament he argued that it was not a war but action to prevent a war. Today? Well, read what Maurice Fagence has said in the Daily Herald and think of what he could say; think of Korca, a blasted wilderness with millions of refugees. What problem has it solved?

Will Hannen Swaffer face the facts about

Has this meant security for the Koreans? Does the war method guarantee security for anybody?

The nation that has shown the greatest

And what about Germany? Read Postgate's "Life of George Lansbury" and the letter that Lansbury wrote in The Times outlining his

Lansbury faced up to the fact that the root cause of war in Europe and the world was economic injustice. Of course he was only a voice of protest in the wilderness, but in the light of history why should Hannen Swaffer be so cocksure that Lansbury was not right? Did we really destroy Hitlerism in Europe

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GLASGOW RECTORIAL ELECTION CAREERS - NOT CONSCRIPTION

NO gun-boat diplomacy in British Guiana," "A vote for Hughes is a vote for Peace - these are some of the slogans adorning the walls of University Avenue in Glasgow. They walls of University Avenue in Glasgow. They tell of the forthcoming election for the Rectorship of that University—an election in which Emrys Hughes, pacifist MP for the Scottish constituency of South Ayrshire, has been invited to run.

His platform is simple: student welfare and peace, and to Emrys Hughes those are two inter-related issues.

Government grants to students have suffered in recent years through lack of adequate funds due to the expensive rearmament programme, the maintenance of military conscription has robbed students of that continuity between learning and practice which is vital to a suc-cessful career. The rash of "hostility spots," around the world created by blind and indifferent foreign and colonial policies threatens the future of all young people.

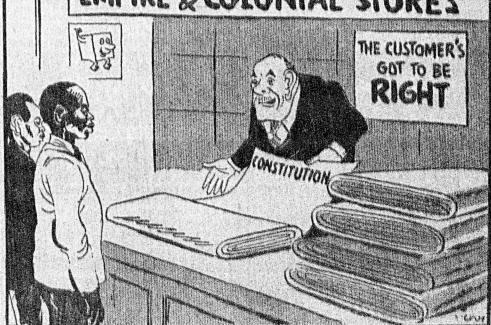
So, say his student supporters, "a vote for him is a vote for us."

Rev. Alex Reid, Sidney Silverman, MP, and Rev. George McLeod, are amongst the prominent personalities who will be taking part in his election campaign, for which a broadsheet "Hughes and Views" has been published.

In the words of the student campaign com-mittee's leaflet, such a Rector would be "a voice for your belief in the necessity for a world where peace is not merely a word but a permanent reality."

The other candidates are Lady Tweedsmuir, MP, T. J. Honeyman, J. M. Bannerman, A. E. Pickard and Lord Bilsland.

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MR. LYTTELTON'S CLAIM

* WE have no intention of governing any country by force," says Mr. Lyttelton referring to the sending of British troops to Guiana.

It is not at all impossible that when Mr. Lyttelton says this he believes he is quite sincere, but we do well to ask ourselves how such words sound to the people of Kenya, Nyasaland and Malaya, not to speak of those colonial areas where there are at present no British troops in active operation, but where there would be if the population began to assert intentions to govern their affairs in their

Mr. Lyttelton's words must sound like plain hypocrisy, all the more infuriating if it is unconscious hypocrisy, to those who know that the framework of their lives is settled and controlled under the constant menace of the suppression by force of any measure that is offensive to the views of an alien government.

What reason has the policy of Great Britain and particularly the policies of successive Conservative governments given Mr. Lyttelton to expect to be believed by the peoples of British Guiana or anywhere else when he says that we do not desire to impose our will by force?

Britain's governments have ruled by force peoples in every part of the globe. Until quite recently this was a boast that was insisted the trop in our schools. There is literally no case where we have led any people "along the path of greater responsibility towards manageing their own affairs" and without any com-pulsion have announced that we were ready to give them just as much power to control their own lives as have the people of Britain.

India is of course not an exception. We are not decrying the action taken by the Labour Government under Mr. Attlee when we say that the independence of India was won because the Indian people found nonviolent resistance and a courageous acceptance of imperialist brutality an effective means of destroying the power of their rulers. The action of the British Labour Government was inspiring because in its refusal to con-tinue the attempt at a suppressive policy it rose above imperialist traditions.



There would be justification for Mr. Lyttelton's statement only if he could point to cases where we had said to the people of the countries where we were alien invaders:

We do not want to continue to govern you by force. We want to lead you along the path of greater responsibility in managing your own affairs. You require greater education and more experience before you will be in a position to do this. It cannot be achieved by this generation therefore, but only by the next. What we must do is to see that the growing generation as a whole is given an education equal to the education given to the people of Britain. This will take a certain period—say

Until the expiration of this period we shall control your affairs while we give you help and training and bring your people the educa-tion that will make our departure possible. When this period expires on such and such a date—we shall go and you will be left to govern yourselves, assisted by any help that you yourselves then ask us to give. be no ifs and buts about our leaving. We shall not require that you shall govern yourselves as we would prefer—any more than we feel we can require that the French or the Dutch people shall govern themselves in the Dutch people shall govern themselves in the way we prefer. We really mean that you shall manage your own affairs. You shall determine your own way of life. Here is our clearly recognisable undertaking. You know precisely what you may expect of us.



If we had said something like this and shown that we would act upon it, Britain's Colonial Secretary might have some justifica-tion in expecting that people would take seriously that claim "We have no intention of governing any country by force," Nothing like this has ever happened, and nobody has any reason to think it is likely to happen either under a Conservative or Labour Government. Is it any wonder that the peoples who are subjected by force to British imperialist rule believe that this rule will only be brought to an end when they defy it and find some means of making their defiance effective?

The only means by which a British Clovern-ment could make clear its probity in this matter to the people whose lives it controls and who one after the other are seeking to assert their independence by rebellion, is to enunciate some tangible and testable plan of development to independence attached to a clearly-stated time-schedule and proceed to act

The bringing of freedom, and the means to freedom in some such way as this is an essential contribution to the making of a peaceful world and it needs to be linked with plans for the development of the underdeveloped countries.

The Plot

WE go to press before there has been an opportunity to see the Government White Paper on British Guiana,

The lesson we have tearned so far is how little evidence it requires to produce a united Press, radio and news-reel assertion that it is a Communist plot that has to be dealt with

All we have been told in support of the charge is the number of rather slight contacts that some members of the People's Progressive Party have had with various subordinate organs of Communism.

We could produce a much more impressive list of examples among members of the British Labour Party (despite the careful procedure of proscription adopted by that Party) and it would have just as much, and just as little, relevance to a charge that the Labour Executive was meditating a coup d'etat.

Korea

THE political conference on Korea is to take place at Pannunjom and the Chinese and North Korean authorities have now agreed

It is clear, however, that the opening sessions will be concerned with a continuation of the wrangle about who is to attend, and it is quite likely that this matter will have to come back to the United Nations Assembly again before the real conference gets a start.

Very little interest is being displayed today in this conference. There is a sense of tragic futility about the whole business which emphasises the sordid uselessness of the whole Korean war.

Day by day a little news gets into the Press which gives some indication of the lives of misery and fear that the unrepatriated prisoners are suffering.

character of the accommodation to be constructed for the explaining process; there are stories of prisoners refusing to be presented for the explanations to be made to them; and demands that they should be brought by force and made to submit to explanation.

On this last point it is reported that Polish and Czech delegates have walked out of the Repatriation Commission as a protest against the refusal by the Indian custodian troops to use force to produce prisoners for the explaining process.

Reconstruction or destruction?

While these things are happening a speedy expansion of Rhee's army is in progress, and Rhee and his Government have made it clear that they will begin to fight again if they do not get what they want, and what they want is what they obviously cannot be given as a result of negotiations for peace. Similarly in the North great efforts are being made to build up the North Korean army with what manpower has been left available in that terribly destroyed area.

The USA is pouring a great deal of aid into South Korea under its "Mutual Security"

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arrangements in the hope, it is said, that a population that is shown what peace has to offer may not be easy material for the development of Rhee's war plans.

At an early stage of the political conference, if it has the good fortune to get past the preliminaries, the UN representatives would do well to seek to change the atmosphere of the whole approach by taking these measures out of the American Mutual Security framework and seeking an agreed plan for co-operation between both sides for the reconstruction of the country as a whole, to which the whole world should be asked to contribute.

Mr. Cole speaks solemnly

AST week the Chairman of the US Atomic Energy Committee, Mr. Cole (he is a member of the House of Representatives) had something to say on Russian atomic developments.

He was speaking to the leaders of the American Legion at Indianapolis, so it is hardly to be expected that he should appeal to any other emotion than patriotic fear. What is staggering is the extent to which he could refuse to face the consequences of the facts he was setting out.

Russia, he thinks, probably by-passed certain There has been the tedious debate about the evolutionary steps in the development of fis-naracter of the accommodation to be conthe early achievement of the hydrogen bomb; he believes that research on the hydrogen bomb was begun earlier in Russia than in America, and Russian scientists have been able to proceed with such speed that "given the passage of enough time, which need not be great, and a research and production programme of sufficient vigour, I fear that the Soviets may come to possess not five or ten of these weapons, but hundreds or even thousands."

> What to do? "This I say most solemnly: If our hydrogen effort falters, as it must not and need not, the Soviets have it in their capacity to outstrip us—and outstrip us decisively—within a relatively short period of

What a blank refusal to face reality! What political bankruptcy! So if the USSR has sufficient hydrogen bombs to destroy all the industrial centres of the North American landmass, the USA must have enough hydrogen bombs to destroy all the industrial centres of the Russian land-mass twice over; and so on in ascending progression.

It is not a policy. It is an expression of thought processes paralysed by fear.

America watches the Jagans

THE Press here has been devoting considerable space to the recent developments in British Guiana.

Washington has lost no time in making it clear that it is very interested and supports the drastic action of the British Government in ousting Cheddi Jagan, constitutionally elected People's Progressive Party Prime Minister, and suspending the Constitution granted to the Colony only five months ago as "a step toward self-government."

William Percy Maddox, consul-general of US over a large part of the Caribbean, who was dispatched to Georgetown as soon as the excitement started, frankly told reporters: The US is greatly interested in the security of the people of this hemisphere. I came here to keep in touch with the situation.'

Personally, I think it very likely that there are strong Communist elements in the Jagan Government. As a New York Times reporter wrote to his paper, the colony is obviously "fertile ground for Communists. It has the prerequisites: poverty, racial antagonism . . . a soaring cost of living . . . low living standards and poor diet."

But from here it looks as if what are often termed "Communist methods" have been resorted to by your Tory Government in dealing with the problem.

Jagan's question, "If there is any Communist plot, why haven't its leaders been jailed and details of the conspiracy revealed?" seems entirely legitimate. He charges that the laws his administration was enacting "struck at the citadel of imperialism" and that the Governor did not wish to face the choice of accepting them or by vetoing them to expose "the limitations of the Constitution."

Many here are awaiting with intense interest news of what the Labour Party's attitude toward these developments will be.

This showing of Communist or at any rate revolutionary strength so near to McCarthy's own shores will probably add fuel to a significant discussion going on here. It has to do with the way in which the US is to provide an adequate defence against a Soviet H-bomb

The discussion has gone on in an intensive fashion for so long and has involved so many top figures in Congress and the Executive branch that I find it difficult to explain it as another propaganda exploit of the military in an attempt to get more money out of Congress, especially in view of the continued obvious effort of this big business Administration to keep the budget down and cut taxes.

I am convinced that the Eisenhower Administration has or believes it has evidence that the Soviet Union has made great strides in developing thermonuclear (hydrogen) weapons, perhaps also in aviation, and that it is dis-

The debate as to what to do was set off a

couple of weeks ago by Congressman Cole, upstate New York Republican and chairman of the Joint House-Senate Atomic Energy Commission. Cole is not an extremist and has not been

regarded as a rabble-rouser. That his present key post and the information to which it gives him access have gone to his head may be possible but is not yet proved.

He stated publicly that in view of Soviet H-bomb progress and US exposed position

LETTER FROM U.S.A. By A. J. Muste

Congress should appropriate another ten billion dollars for armaments and not hesitate to raise the tax level if necessary to bring in the money. The chief objective would be to make us "secure" behind a Radar Curtain.

Followed statements by members of the Executive branch, some in greater or less degree supporting Cole's analysis and prescription; others, including Defence Secretary Wilson, pooh-poohing the whole business.

The conflicts among Administration spokesmen were so obvious and substantial that people became irritated and apprehensive. Eisenhower himself intervened a few days ago and ordered Administration spokesmen to keep still or if they could not repress the urge to write or talk, to clear first with the White House or the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission—not to be confused with the Joint Congressional A. E. Committee.

Not a few here are deeply grieved that the national assembly of the United Church Women, a department of the National Council of Churches, for the sake of "prestige" and headlines, should have given the President their platform for his speech on October 6 (referred to in your leading article last week), at this critical juncture.

I am told that Atlantic City and the convention hall swarmed with uniformed police and FBI men, that the water in the pitcher on the platform was chemically tested by them and kept under their scrutiny, etc. I am also told that the eminent divine who conducted daily devotions remarked the next day that he hoped God had been there too, though obviously no such fuss was being made over

Fools and ghouls of the atomic age

WO items arrived on our desk at the same time last week.

One was a cutting from the Worthing Gazette recording a speech by the Wassex Assistant Chief Civil Defence Warden Major-General A. J. C. Pollock, -OBE. (W. draw attention to it in no personal sense realise that the man's job requires that he shall put over the kind of stuff here reported He has to assume that the people he talk of will not have sufficient penetration to see w nonsense it is.)

He not only commended our old friend modicum of earth." ("The old Ander shelter will have three feet of earth above a as a means of protection"), but he also white also white washing windows as a means of reducing the terrific heat-flash effects. So we have now as additions to our delengations armoury to meet the effects of the atoms. armoury to meet the effects of the aloumbomb, brown paper, a modicum of earth, and

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American tenderness for **Dictators**

DEVERE ALLEN makes the following comment in Worldover Press arising out the situation in British Guiana, as seen for the USA:

Intervention is repugnant to all states, usually to their peoples as much their governments. But why are we (the so quick to intervene on the side of reach of semi-facist dictatorships, and so relucted intervene in preventive ways that bring structive help to the needy peoples?

"It was pointed out by correspondents to one reason for Washington's quick support Britain in British Guiana was the nearness to Venezuela. Venezuela is undiscontrational designation of the second igid, brutal, totalitarian dictatorship figit, brutal, totalitatian dictators of the flouts democracy. Yet the NY Harribune's correspondent declared: 'Relative the US and Venezuela are cordial, both civilian and military.'

"The practice of giving help to American states by armament, favouring dictatorships as a rule, has provided people who want to free themselves with only of the provided people of the people of t visible alternative—to see what Commu has to offer them.

"Suppose we were at once a lot colder dictators, and a lot quicker to promote a operative aid to those who are struggling a greater popular voice in their lives?

"Suppose, if we feel we must arm that asked a price—the steady inauguration more democratic methods in the lands we have the unqualified loyalty of all recipients peaceful ways of expressing their nations?

"This would be intervention of a kinds would it not be vastly preferable to interven

would it not be vastly preferable to interest tion as it is now proceeding?

"It may be taken as an axiom that we hardly promote the liberation of peoples also also are the liberation of peoples are taken use of regimes which do not liberate own peoples, their own colonies, their own peoples, their own colonies, their was super-nationalistic or imperialistic minds.

Men for dollars

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RECENTLY we drew attention to the pipe given by M. Laniel that he would willing to negotiate with the Communists over Indo-China.

It has now been announced that the US his decided to furnish a further aid of 385 million dollars (£137 millions) to France for the

France was expected in return to send been soldiers to Indo-China and it has arranged that nine further battalions shall be despatched. The US communique made it clear despatched.

We recall that at the time of the Fig. we recall that at the time of the systems trikes there was an opinion in French Boyels mental circles that whatever came after would be a serious move to bring this wap an end. The additional financial aid that here recognized him. been accorded by America, however addition for paying for more French soldier will permit the French Government to a rather better budgetary showing.

The whole Indo-Chinese affair thoroughly sordid business. It is not peing fought for the advancement of interests, although some disreputable business circles have mode a later of many periods. business circles have made a lot of mont of it; it is being waged simply as of American world policy.

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UGANDA: A World Health Organisation onference on health in Africa has just ended Kampala. It dealt with the future of nursing aucation and also stressed the importance of aproving the diet of African children as ost of their illnesses appear to be the result M malnutrition.

America

BRITISH HONDURAS: The British Minister of State for Colonial Atlairs, Mr. Hopkinson, has been visiting this territory a tour of the West Indies area. He said Belize last week that "the United Kingdom Government were doing their utmost to secure political, economic and social development of the country, with the ultimate objective of government within the Commonwealth."

HAWAII: The seventh International allended by specialists in child care from all arts of the world. Twelve specialists from ritain are present.

USA: President Eisenhower is considering this for a series of steel towers each seven hies high and standing on four legs a mile and standing on four legs a first for use as landing bases for jet aircraft would be for defence and would cost million each. Three are proposed for the land states, one for Europe

WEST INDIES: The British and French hournments have agreed to abolish visas for lationals travelling between certain of their colonial territories in the West Indies. The Preement came into force on October 1.

Asia

ISRAEL: Imports into Israel are now six ines as great as her exports.

MALAYA: The cost of the war in Malaya MALAYA: The cost of the war in Malaya plus the fall in the price of rubber has put the colony in a serious financial position. It is suitasted that it will have a deficit of million Malayan dollars at the end of the made to get the US to buy more rubber from Malaya.

Europe

Austria and Trieste are to be admitted to high. Individuals or organisations may Warantee them.

FRANCE: Police have uncovered a traffic white slaves to brothels in North Africa. The of the leading traffickers was reported to the traffic the first three traffic the slaves and the slaves the slaves are provided to the slaves and the slaves the slaves are slaves and the slaves the slaves are slaves as the s

HOLLAND: The neo-Nazi "National Reck declared a forbidden organisation.

GOING

CBCO report shows increase in objectors

THE figure of 0.27 per cent. does not sound significant. But it may well be. It repre-to the proportion of conscientious objectors bilitary service in 1952 in Britain.

This is the highest figure since 1943 says the hard Board for Conscientious Objectors in Annual Report* published recently. What number of future COs will be depends on the constant of the peace movement, but it is clear that, "if Conneription is continued until 1958, the Board must anticipate an increasing demand on its

For the Roard 1952 was an interesting year. the Z Scheine for Reservists came to an end was a good deal of activity in connection improving the position of the National rvice Reservist and objectors from the Boy's attalion; there was the fuss in Bury Council bate on the general position of COs. The thole story of that activity is ably and most adably condensed in the twelve pages of the eport,

Michael Tippett, ever a good friend of COs, provides the introduction. He points out the mmaly of several European nations subscribto the Human Rights Convention of the ouncil of Europe which proscribes comhost of those same countries maintain military macription.

Yet as the work of the Board increases the duty is suggested to all those who have ever reason to be grateful for the existence of Board, not merely in its work for the hich it makes in safeguarding and improving Position of the COs generally and keeping on all the minutiae affecting their interests.

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Legacy to Michael Scott invalidated

bequest to the Rev. Michael Scott of of 500 to be used by him for the development better understanding between white and deeled peoples "as he deems best" has been declared madmissible by Mr Justice Upjohn the Chancery Division as not a valid charitable gift.

ASIAN LABOUR LEADERS DISCUSS WORLD PEACE

Japanese Union's anti-war stand RAILMEN WITHDRAW FROM ICFTU

TME following is a verbatim account of part of a discussion at a recent conference of Asian and Australian labour leaders on problems of Asia. This section of the conference dealt with trade unions and peace and is reported by Peace News' Japanese Correspondent, Ichiro Takenaka.

Attending the Conference were Mr. R. S. Atmadja, trade unionist and Mr. T. Mahmud, Department of Labour, both from Indonesia; Mr. G. S. Keating, Australian trade unionist, Mr. Huynh-Van-Thanh of Vietnam, secretary of Federation of Labour Unions; Mr. U. Thein, Government delegate from Burma; Mr. T. Fujita, chairman of General Council of Japanese Trade Unions and Mr. T. Yokoyama, secretary-general of the National Railway Workers Union of Japan.

Part of the deliberations of the Conference concerned the decision of the Japanese Railway Union to withdraw from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

MR. YOKOYAMA: Tapanese trade unionism, they and we stand. We were fundamentally after the war was basically predicated on the disagreed. hatred against war. We were resolved that we would oppose any means that would direct the nation toward other courses. We were resolved to protect the Constitution that renounces war. We were resolved to fight against rearmament.

Regrettably enough, however, the attitude of ICFIU has been vague and ambiguous on this matter. They had been silent on our explicit request for qualification. They were vague on their stand on the military bases of American forces in Japan which run into as many as 600. It was further proved that the organisa-tion stands more for the Western world than for Asia. Under the circumstances, we had no other alternative but to secode.

MR. KEATING: Why not stay in the organisation and correct the stand if it is erroneous?

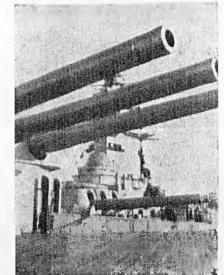
Mr. Yokoyama: I can see your point perfectly. However, we had to take this stand because of fundamental differences of principle. The ICFTU supported what we were opposed to; such as war and rearmament.

PROOF

Mr. KFATING: Would you offer proof that they favoured war and rearmament?

MR. YOKOYAMA: I can enumerate at least two instances to support my contention.

When the war broke out in Korea, ICFTU appealed to the workers of the world to offer the maximum amount of co-operation to United Nations war efforts in Korea. In the second place, they endorsed the San Francisco (the Japanese) Peace Treaty which did not



Japanese workers want no more warships.

visualize a peace with all belligerent countries. It was to implement what is known as the Administrative. Agreement which set up American bases in Japan.

In our opinion, an overall peace was the desirable peace and not individual peace with specific countries alone. These two instances, in my opinion, are sufficient to prove where

THE POLICE ASKED

"Has she been working for peace?"

THE Principal of the Melbourne, Australia, University Women's College, Miss Myra Roper, told a meeting in that city recently that she had been interviewed by a policeman as to whether a student had been "working for peace."

Miss Roper, who was speaking at the Peace Quest Forum, added that it was unfortunate that this was sufficient reason to attract police

Persons who were asked to speak on peace platforms had to ask themselves whether their academic or professional careers would be endangered, whether they would be proscribed in public or semi-public service, or whether they might forfeit their American visa because they were officially suspect.

End of a mission!

The principal of Methodist Ladies' College (Rev. Dr. A. H. Wood) said Australia needed an informed public opinion on peace and war In Britain the Government welcomed guidance from an enlightened public but the political immaturity of Australia was seen in the attitude of many who said that these matters should be left to the Government without the public expressing its opinion.

A democracy could not survive unless in was educated on questions of peace and war and expressed itself on them.

Dr. Wood expressed concern that an atomic bomb test was to be made the week after the end of a six months." Mission to the Nation," intended to appeal for a reformed moral and spiritual basis for national life.

Sooner or later these things would lead to disaster, he said.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY



L. T. M. of Ashford, who describes himself as "only an ordinary working man. sent £5 to Peace News, placing on us the onus of deciding how it should be divided between the paper's work and an "organisation helping the victims of war."

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WORLD'S HUNGRY PEOPLES HAVE INCREASED BY 20°/o SINCE 1939

Fraction of arms budget would help them

DECLARING that two-thirds of humanity was slowly starving, John Hoyland. Friends' Peace Committee field secretary, told an audience of over 50 at a meeting organised by Mansfield Peace Group and the local Qukaers last week that world aid must be a primary function of a reconstituted United Nations.

In 1939, he said, 40 per cent, of the world's per man, woman and child: United States, population was living under the 2,200-calory £632; Great Britain, £239; India, £20; mark, but today the figure had risen to 60 per Palestine, £18; China, £9. In Africa, he said, cent. Every day there were 55,000 more the average was lower, mouths to feed but thousands fewer fertile acres on which to grow food.

But the United failures—"and persons

MR. KFAFING: ICFTU appealed to the workers of the world to offer the maximum

amount of co-operation to the United Nations

forces just to protect the Republic of Korea

from being overrun by Communism. Suppose

a warring country swarms your shore to-

morrow, would you leave yourself idle? Or

would you appeal to your youth to repulse

MR. YOKOYAMA: I can see your argument. However, let it be fully understood that during

the last war, our brothers, fathers and friends

were dispatched to your countries and killed your people. We killed each other,

When the war was over, we were resolved

to refuse to take up arms under any circum

stances. No resolution has indeed been firmer

such an onslaught?

" Blasphemous inequalities "

"There are blasphemous inequalities of living standards," said Mr. Hoyland, giving the following statistics of average annual income

MOVEMENT NEWS

"Don't let UN Charter revision intensify cold

THE Crusade for World Government do not want the issue of revising the UN Charter to intensify the cold war.

A resolution unanimously adopted by the National Council of the Crusade last week states!

"In appealing for support of its own suggestions for revision of the Charter, the Crusade for World Government wishes to make it clear that it does not consider fiscif as being in any sense in instrument of Western policy, but ruther as concerned with changes in the structure and powers of the UN similar ensuring the greater well-being and security of all the peoples of the world."

Films and the Under-Sixteens

THE Film Panel of the Authors World Peace Appeal, following its successful conference held earlier this year on "Films for War and Peace," are calling a conference on "Films and the Under-Sixteens" on October 25, 1953, at 2.30 p.m. at the CEA Hall, 164 Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.1.

Among the speakers will be the Hon. Mrs Henrietta Bower, Mr. Basil Wright, Miss Monica Pearson and other experts in the film and educational world.

Details are obtainable from Dr. David Morris, 16 Ferneroft Avenue, London, N.W.3.

Heston and Isleworth Fellowship of Reconciliation joined with local Quakers in running an anti-conscription meeting at which many signatures to the petition were

A letter from their MP sympathising with apposition to conscription was recently received by Dunfermline Quakers who had set out their reasons for ending the call-up. The MP's letter was given prominence in the local Press,

East Ham Peace Movement have called on the Government to withdraw troops from British Guiana, return administrative power to the colony's government and "recall the British Parliament.

Stuart Morris writes at length on his detention on Ellis Island and his American lecture tour in the current issue of One World (National Peace Council, London, 4d.),

The work of flore Taylor, founder-editor of the General Welfard Journal which has done much to link up peace-workers all over the world, may go on

Bert Taylor died last July and now H. D. Clark of the Vancouver Council of Social Engineering, Canada has offered to join in disillusioned with the trickery a forming a "temporary operating commutee." ing that are politics' bedfellows."

But the United Nations, whatever its failures "and personally I regard the action in Koren as wholly and absolutely disastrous, as a tragic blunder and crime from begining to end had at least proved that living standards could be raised and tropical diseases like malaria and yaws wiped out, if we were prepared to pay the price.

Tenth of an aircraft carrier

"The latest American aircraft carrier has cost 10 times the whole allocation for technical assistance under the United Nations, which is the agency fighting tropical diseases," said Mr. Hoyland, calling for public opinion to exert itself in pressing for the implementation of President Eisenhower's appeal for "a declaration of total war not on any human enemy but upon the brute forces of poverty and want."

For a world aid plan, a sum of £5,000 millions a year—about a quarter of the present United States annual arms budget—was required.

Mr. Douglas Newble presided.

Peace Association of Christian Scientists reports progress

From a Correspondent

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Peace Association of Christian Scientists was

Association of Unitsian Scientista was held at Friends House on September 12.
A good proportion of the membership were present, and warm assurances of prayerful support were received from others unable to A great sense of harmony was manifested

throughout the meeting and all rejoiced concarning the evident extension of the PACS field of activity, and in the progress achieved during the year. The already simple organization of the Asso-

ciation was still further reduced to the strict minimum necessary for the achievement of its two essential purposes: the support of Christian Science Conscientions Objectors and the provision of means whereby Christian Science pacifists could feel in fellowship with one another.
The Peace Association of Christian Scien-

tists is not an agency of the Christian Science Church.

Further information concerning this association can be obtained from its Secretary? Mrs. M. Burdett, "Waldenfields," Whitestone. fixeter, Devon.

Herts, and Beds, conference

Organisations throughout Bedfordshire and Heritordshire are being invited to send representatives to a peace conference to be held in The Main Hall, St. Albans, on Saturday, October 31, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. Applications for credentials should be sent to B. C. Vickery, 392 Hatfield Rd., St. Albana. The conference is open to individuals.

What lke doesn't like?

"Everyone still likes lke, but many wonder if Ike likes his job" comments Don lilden in the Daily Mail. Elsewhere he remarks that there are reports that bir, hisenhower does not relish being President, and "that he is disillustened with the trackery and deal-makTHE

TOWN CLERK'S TALE

More than a century ago, in the days when divorce was only possible by special act of parliament, there was (as we have read) a town-clerk whose marriage was unsatisfactory. In the course of duty he had to promote a long and complicated waterworksbill for the borough; and after a rather inattentive House had passed the measure and the Royal Assent had been bestowed, a particularly tortuous clause was found to be contain the irrelevent yet potent words, "And the marriage of the town-clerk is hereby dissolved." Thus strangely was domestic peace restored to the town-clerk: but the ingenious official builded better than he knew, for when in time he died and a new clerk took his place it was held that the clause ensured celibacy to his successors also; and the post was much sought after, as a stepping stone to happiness, by municipal lawyers tired of matrimony.

Investors in St. Pancras Building Society never divorce their wives, but none the less they do resemble the town-clerk rather strikingly: because in helping themselves they greatly help others too. They receive a fair dividend (two-and-three-quarter per cent. per annum, free of tax), they can withdraw their savings easily when they wish, and they are not worried by fluctuations in capital value: but what matters more is the fact that their money is continuously employed for a useful social purpose, and that it gives practical and timely aid to one homeseeker after another.

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THE BOFFINS OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT

"If you had a cheap type of wire fencing it would help South African native farmers to control their stock and prevent over-grazing of the land."

"Yes, but that would take a lot of wire and wire is expensive, black South Africans will not be able to afford it."

"What about a single electrified wire?"

"That's more like it. But how supply the current in the African veld?

" Can someone design a cheap wind-power or solar machine to provide the electricity?"

THAT is the kind of discussion which goes on frequently between the members of a highly unusual organisation, the Society for Social Responsibility

They are a crowd of scientists and engineers who have pledged themselves to cut out all work which leads to destructive ends and henceforward to devote themselves only to undertakings which will help, not hinder, the progress of mankind.

Such conversations as that overheard above take place in the Small Tools Committee of the SSRS. This is a specialist group which concerns itself with working out practical ideas for coping with immediate bread-andbutter problems of under-privileged people anywhere in the world.

But the motive is not merely of a breadand-butter order. The scientists of the SSRS are not beady-eyed academicians lost in a world of formulae which does not include human beings. They realise that the business of living involves values and relationships not quite as obvious as are cabbages and bedroom suites but in the long run more important even than these.

Partners--not professors

Thus when they go to work to think up a way of helping people they are careful to see that their methods involve no arrogant assumption of the inferiority of the way of life of the people they help. They recognise that among many of the so-called primitive peoples of the world are ways of living which it would be well for the civilisation of the West to

Their offer then, is an offer of partnership not professorship, and in this the SSRS has recovered something of that essential humility and humanity which was once the distinguishing feature of a man of science.

roots: first the conviction that no person can delegate moral responsibility for his work to an employer or state: second, that science should be used for constructive purposes only.

Neither of these two roots is limited to scientists however. No human being can escape moral responsibility for his doings. This should be obvious and was indeed the basis of the argument used at Nuremberg in the prosecution of war criminals. Yet in the present-day climate of increasing uniformity for the Adva this right of moral self-determination is held in question. The SSRS stands unequivocally cal Engineers. for upholding this right.

scientific or otherwise should be used for destructive purposes.

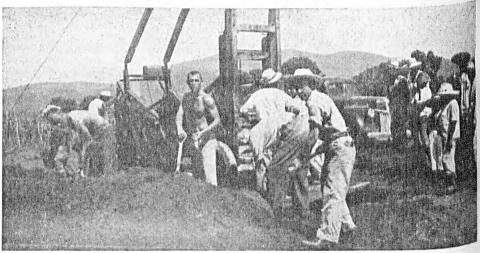
The Society for Social Responsibility in Science realises this but sets out to create a working fellowship of scientists principally

Democratic small farming

POVERTON PLACE FARM, Sealand Manor Farm, Court House Farm, Rose-market Farm and Fferm Goch Settlement: these are the names of a number of farms of a new character. They are farms worked on the democratic basis of co-operative produc-tion. The men who work them are ex-miners who were thrown out of work from the Welsh mines in the between-war periods of depression. The land they were to work was bought by the Welsh Land Settlement Society by arrangement with the Commissioners for the Special Areas. The men were given funds to give them a start and they obtained the necessary training.

That was in 1937. By January 31, 1952, we are told in a report of the Welsh Land Settlement Society, published by H.M. Stationery Office, one of these undertakings, Boverton Castle Co-operators, Ltd., had made an aggregate net profit of £144,000, repaid loans made by the Government and paid out made by the Government and paid out bonuses to the workers amounting to about £2,000 for each original co-operator. The Company pays an annual rent of £2,000 to the Ministry of Agriculture.

These farms are controlled by democratically elected committees appointed by the men who work them. To the committee each November the farm manager presents the annual cropping programme. This is approved or amended, and then presented for endorsement to a general meeting of the conversions. ment to a general meeting of the co-operators.



This is the kind of peace-in-progress that peace-minded technicians can make increasingly possible. An international team of volunteers working on the sinking of a well in

modern situation and the tremendous responsibility of the scientist who either were displaced for reasons sibility of the scientist. Such a group with related professional outlook and background is able to do effective work in the examination of modern problems and their solution.

In the Constitution of the Society is to be found expression of their wider concern: "to stimulate the formation of similar groups in other fields of human endeavour.

Victor Paschkis, Chairman of the Educational Division of the Society for Social Responsibility, writes:

People who subscribe to the ideas of the SSRS but are not scientists according to the definition of the society or who are in sympathy with the aims may join as associ-

A point frequently discussed is the definition of "destructive work."

In the scientific field it is contended correctly, that the pure scientist is engaged only in the exploration of nature and cannot know to what use his discoveries may be put. The metallurgist, working on improvements in steel production in peace time does not know when the steel industry will be used predominantly for armaments. In view of this uncertainty the SSRS decided to leave the decision as to what is destructive to the individual conscience.

The important thing is, that the individual does draw a line somewhere, beyond which he will not go.

Their idea of social responsibility has two Three Nobel prizewinners

The SSRS is international in scope. But for historical reasons—it originated in USA—most of its members as of the present, are in the United States. However there are members in some 13 countries, spread over all continents except Africa.

The membership includes some top ranking scientists-three Nobel Prize winners, 2 FRS, one past president of American Association for the Advancement of Science, one past president of the American Society of Mechani-

Activities of the SSRS are twofold: to It is equally obvious that no human activity spread the ideas of the SSRS is the main scientific or otherwise should be used for concern of the Educational Division: and fostering of constructive alternatives to destructive work is one of the main goals of the Occupational Division,

The Occupational Division issues a "Newsbecause of the importance of science in the letter," sponsors local meetings, participation in symposia of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, provides speakers for other organisations when requested.

The Occupational Division was originally limited to a kind of "employment office" for



Cutting a water supply channel in India is the sort of constructive Job that does not have to await the allocation of millions from a UN fund. Brawn and brains together serve mankind. Picture shows an Interna-tional Voluntry Service for Peace Team (Europeans and Indians) at work. of conscience, or were looking for constructive work. But over the years two other important activities have developed: members of SSRS provided free advice and co-operation for voluntary relief agencies needing technical information,

The Occupational Division also includes the Small Tools Committee. This is seeking help in the development of small improved tools, particularly for agricultural use, what are adapted to the use and customs of various to the seeking tools. under-developed areas where agriculture new improvement.

Overseas membership

In general, decisions in the council and membership meetings are arrived at by the "sense of the meeting" rather than by Olesenting opinions are explored and a page for an understanding of the meeting of the meeting opinions are explored and a page for an understanding or on the meeting of the meeting for an understanding on a higher plane that either of the two contending opinions sought, and so far always has been found.

Visitors at such meetings have repeated expressed surprise at the smooth functional in spite of the absence of strict rules for col duct of business,

American members feel, that under presidence conomic conditions it would be unfait expect special sacrifices from members countries with low value currencies. fore members outside the USA, if the encounter difficulties in transferring subscription tions (and that includes most of the country outside this continent) are not expected to p any dues. If sufficient members live in funds locally to will be encouraged to mis funds locally to develop their own activities. Subscriptions in general are grade according to income the learnerships the according to income, the latter being adjust according to family size.

A FARMER'S LOG BOOK

OR the past fortnight we have been plough ing and dung spreading. The ploughing was on part of the big forty acre arable field on the barley and oats stubble.

As we were rather behind we have been working with the tractor lights till late night. Two Ferguson tractors were at work each with three furrow ploughs, one following closely behind the other, so that each run was cutting into a good five feet of stubble one stage we had our big Massey-Harris as well following on with a cultivator, and short time a large span of ground had been covered.

When it came to dung spreading we weren so highly mechanised. We had one of the older type of Ferguson loaders, but all spreading was done by hand. We've always held the theory that this older type of loader wasn't man enough for its job, and we only hought it because it was several band and bought it because it was second hand in the cheap, and we thought it would serve to purpose for the time being. Now I have purpose that I have proved our theory and broken one part of it through overloading the confess that I have proved our theory and broken one part of it through overloading the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory and the confess that I have proved our theory are the confess that I have proved our theory are the confess that I have proved our theory are the confess that I have proved our the confess that I have proved our the confess that I have proved our theory are the confess that I have proved our the confess that I have proved our the confess that I have proved our the confess

I'm not sure, however, that I don't pref putting dung on by hand, and I certainly enjoy the rhythmic motion of spreading at it is something offensive, let me hasten to and that well fermented dung is quite easy and pleasant to handle!)

Altogether I'm not keen on too much of this large scale automatic farming, though I would be the last person in the world to advocate giving up using tractors and a hundred one other things besides. Our farm economics would be chaos without these sides. would be chaos without these aids

But there is definitely something more satisfying about manual labour, a dignity and rhythm and poise. I do hope we aren't reaching a stage when we will become so highly mechanised that this have virtually to disappear from farming it has done from so many other industries.

Michael Randle

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HAD been up all night flying to Geneva when I joined Michael Scott on his way to the Palais des Nations to present his testimony to the United Nations Commission on the lacial situation in South Africa.

I wanted desperately to sleep but I found myself spending the biggest part of that day listening enthusiastically to Mr. Scott as he poke in his quiet unhurried way of the proband sufferings of Africa which he has

h is difficult for the printed word to convey In thing of the urgency and feeling which darged his voice that day. Yet not impossible. pamphlet, the record of Michael Scott's widence, gives as throbbingly human a survey of the tragedy of South Africa as can be made to embrace the wealth of fact which it con-

Of conceivably great interest in the near faire are the suggestions which Michael Scott makes for UN help in a constructive profume for Africans based on the experience fural reconstruction and fundamental educaschemes in India. Patrick Duncan, the an of a former Governor-General of South resistance campaign, is quoted as sayhe he believes "that the time for what he the Booker Washington phase of the movement is at hand."

The promotion of African-run industries and arms is the type of thing which UN could accourage, Mr. Scott arges. From his experience he believes this would be welcomed chiefs and people. In the course of time work of the Commission might also be hended to Central Africa, he suggests.

For those concerned with finding creative dutions to race and colonial problems in drica, this is a document of the first impor-

TOM WARDLE.

THE ROSENBERGS

he Rosenberg Letters, published by Dennis Dobson. 7s. 6d.

I would be less than human not to be allection and endurance. Whether or not in fact the Rosenbergs were guilty of passing atomic secrets to the Russians, one must salute their deeply moved by this record of suffering, their courage. In these letters (mostly written to each other) they keep protesting their innecence; that may prove nothing either way.

Namer the US authorities nor the Communists emerge with much credit. If the Rosenbergs were guilty, the US are a several and trials. And if they were innocent, the Communist sentires might have softpedalled the propaganda with the softpedalled to the softpedalled the propaganda with the softpedalled the softpedalled

POEMS ON PEACE

THE Voice of Youth," the Poetry Society's Junior Quarterly, makes a special feature of poetry components for young people. It offers the following prizes poems on the subject: Peace.

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The closing date is December 1, 1953. Before sending the sending sending should be addressed to the Poetry Society, Pollman Square, W.I. (Telephone; W.I.Lucck 3939), a uppears that only junior members of the Society are

to the Editor Letters

Germ warfare charges

OF the three weapons of mass destruction used by the United States in its Far Eastern Campaigns, the A bomb and the napaim bomb have proved far and away the most effective.

Germ warfare, used experimentally evidently disappointed the hopes reposed in it by the late James Forrestal, when in 1946, during the Nuremberg Trial—he established the Special Projects Division of the US Chemical

34 Bes Warfare Service.

Extravagant claims were made, almost immediately, for the results achieved. The US Pharmaceutical Journal boasted that the US scientists, "directing a force of nearly 4,000 men," had already worked out precise methods of unloosing clouds of disease-producing agents on men and plants.

The News Chronicle (25.5.46) reported that a method of spreading disease may be the new weapon, far more deadly than the atomic bomb "-which the US Congressman Albert Thomas told a Congress sub-committee is in US possession. It is quick and certain death to city, as the germs are highly contagious and the effects would spread rapidly. One operation would be sufficient.

Mr. Thomas thought this put the US in "an enviable position.

My own reaction, published shortly afterwards, was "What viler atrocity has any nation, even Nazi Germany, ever been guilty of plotting against the human race in time of peace? Chemical warfare! Against whom and for what purpose? How can the cause of right and freedom be advanced by mass annihiliation of entire populations?

Although the New Statesman boycotted the book in which this appears, Mr. Kingsley Martin, if I remember right, commented on rather similar lines. I do not remember that the National Peace Council or the leaders of the Christian churches uttered any protest.

Most sane people were relieved when the Archbishop of York recently had the courage to denounce napalm bombing, which is no less revolting to the conscience of mankind than is germ warfare. Does Mr. Leslie Smith (Peace News, October 9) regard this as "moral aggression and spiritual violence of a most sinister kind?"

DOUGLAS GOLDRING.

Stonar House,

Square-bashing

DASSING a military parade ground recently I saw some conscripted youths being drilled. Twenty four of them being "put through their paces" by a commissioned officer, a drill sergeant, and two others.

It was a grim business. The way the lads were made to stamp their feet was utterly absurd. People watching commented on the stupidity of it.

The victims had their rifles at the "slope" and as they marched and turned and twisted the two NCO's ran along side tapping wrists and arms. It was wasted effort. The arms of the lads could not have been more securely in the "correct" position if they had been riveted to their sides. There was a look of fear on most faces and of something approaching terror on the faces of one or two of the more sensitive youths.

The whole stamping, jerking, ramrod, robot business seemed as grotesque as the one-time goose-stepping idiocy of the German army: and there seemed more than a suggestion of the same sadistic mentality behind it.

If youths in Borstal Institutions, or even hardened criminals in our prisons were subjected to such rigid regimentation and dragooning there would be an outery in the

W. E. B. TAYLOR. 34 Beaconsfield Road,

St. Albans.

The Duke of Bedford

THE death of the Duke of Bedford is a great loss to pacifism. He was the most genuine and consistent opponent of war I have ever known, independent minded and fearless. There was a wonderful lack of bitterness in his character; and he was able to face controversy without temper, though sometimes the rather ironic wit of the Russells did strike his opponents and bring home his point of view. He lived an ascetic life as far as a Duke can.

I heard from him two days before the accident, and I would like to tell you that he said: "I am very sorry to hear that there is a danger of Peace News having to close down on account of financial difficulties. I do hope that they will somehow manage to survive." was about to write to him on the subject when the tragic news of his accident came.

I thought perhaps you would like to publish

DOROTHEA PONSONBY.

Shulbrede Priory, Haslemere.

A courageous man

THE Rev. A. D. Belden's very fine eulogy of the late Duke does justice to a great and courageous man.

Pre-eminently he stood for the slogan of PN: "Brotherhood, Non-Violence, Freedom" In one of his many pamphlets he says:

"Wee diplomacy based on an intelligent under-standing of human nature and a willingness to treat other nations as we ourselves should like to be treated, could restore peace to this suffering world, and maintain

In another he declared that the kind of civilisation a victor nation would impose on a vanquished one is determinable by the nature of the means employed by the civilising winner to achieve ascendancy. Lucid logic, These truths and others like them shall not die. For his principles he braved the ostracism and obloquy of compeers.

A. D. HUNTER. 28 The Grove,

London, W.5. Many other letters on the Duke of Bedford

Peace News policy

STRONGLY oppose the views of Raymond Telkman, respecting the policy and makeup of Peace News.

have been received.

The logical reasoning and concrete views of the PN contributors. Emrys Hughes, Sybil Morrison and the Editor—are the best ways to secure peace supporters. Another is for all readers to remit od, for their copy and order a spare one to distribute

FRANK BURGESS. 41 Maurice Road., Birmingham, 14.

A reader living near Cheddar, Somerset, reports

HOW OUR VILLAGE REACTED TO PEACE NEWS

The postman. A very cheerful, decent man, complained it was political. His friend complained "MPs were never at home, always travelling, us poor chaps are not able to travel. The postman did not believe in politics.

Red Cross murse. Thought it was "dry." Two campers from Birmingham. Never seen anything like it. Only read part of PN. Thought it was a Communist paper. Believed military training was good for youth. Very antagonistic.

Two campers from Essex. "No need to read it." Were pleasant and both young and believed in all our usual peace arguments.

Middle-aged camper from Birmingham. No faith in any of the clergy. Had underhned "Blenheim" and other peace poems in his "Golden Treasury." Pleased to receive the paper.

My landlady. Often reads my copy. Lost only son in World War H.

Grover's assistant (young woman). Condemned it without looking at it. Pretended had seen it before. Very antagonistic.

Methodist parson. Said he had read it. Not much comment. Sorry if I wanted it back, but his wife had lit the fire with it.

Middle-aged campers from Midlands. Husband, Church of England, bought a copy. Seemed to agree on all main points. Wife seemed quite antagonistic.

Ditto from London. Seemed interested Never heard of Dick Sheppard, Mistook me for a Seventh Day Adventist. Wife sullen and thought we would never end

Chemist. Not interested. No time for reading.

His assistant (young lady). Also not interested.

Manager of store. Thought paper was sound, not biassed. Seemed interested.

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YTONSTONE 1 7.30 p.m.; Friends' Meet-louse, Bush Rd. The Rev. Michael Scott's (pt) "Civilisation on trial." Public meeting.

Liverpool: 7 p.m.; Friends' Meeting lanes James Bristol, "A constructive policy for the US." Sof. 3 p.m.; Bourne Methodist Hall High St., N.14. Social. The Rev. Cililord agentic. CO Fellowship.

MUTHAMPTON: 3.30-6.30 p.m.; Friends Jeeting House, Ordnance Rd. Connic Jones. Conference. PPU.

Sunday, October 25

handon, S.W.1: 3.15 p.m.; Dentson by 2.26 Vauxhall Bridge Rd., nr. Victoria line Pacifist. Universalist Service. Mrs. E. Games. "The religion of the West." Religion

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Saturday-Sunday, October 24-25 SHIPHAM, SOMERSET: Pensont Ouest Single Lestie Smith, Director National Peace Oulcil, Details from Will Parkin, 15 Kenmore Bristol, 7. Bristol Peace Council.

CARDIFF 1 7.30 p.m.; Friends' House, barles St. Tom Wardle, "The Pointes of Linnon, Cardiff Pacifist Group.
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WARRINGTON: 7.15 p.m.; Friends' Meet-ng House. James Bristol. Soft.

Tuesday, October 27

DOVER : 7.30 p.m.; Friends' Meeting House, ohn Hoyland, "Conscription." Public neeting, SoF.

MANCHESTUR: 7.15 p.m.; International Club James Bristol. SoF.

Wednesday, October 28

LONDON, W.C.1: 7.30 p.m.; Dick Shep-bard House, 6 Endsleigh St. Tony Bishop Australian Peace Union and War Resisters' mernational). London Area IPU. BURY (Lanes,) t 7.15 p.m.; Friends' Meeting louse, James Bristol, "A programme for seace; the individual's responsibility for peace-naking." Self.

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LONDON, E.C.3 i 12.10-12.30. Upper Room St. Mary Woolnoth Church, Lombard St. Cir. Fellowship meeting, FoR.

Thursday, October 29

LONDON, W.C.2: 12.30 p.m.; Lincolu's inn Fields. Open-air meeting. Sybii Morrison and Robert Horniman. PPU. LEYTONSTONE 1 8 p.m.; Friends' Meeting House, Bush Rd. Discussion on Peace News, PPU.

PETERBOROUGH 5 7.30 p.m.; Friends' Meeting House, Tames Bristol, "The American Scene" SoF.

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PLYMOUTH: 7.30 p.m.; Assembly Hall,
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Saturday, October 31 t.ONDON, N.W.1 1 2 p.m.; Friends' House, Enston Rd, Steps to Peace Conference, 2-3.15, Reports of Commissions; 3.15-4 p.m., Talk by Allen Skinner; 4-5 or 5.30 p.m., Discussion, Chair, Sybil Morrison, PPU,

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Sunday, November 1 COLCIUSTER 1 6.30 p.m.; Friends' Meeting House, Iames Bristol, "A world safe for diversity." SoF.

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Saturday, November 7

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I spent a fortnight in Germany during the recent election campaign and went to many meetings of the Right. I wish I could be so sure. I found Hitler's generals standing as candidates and ex-war criminals on election platforms advocating programmes which can only lead to the same thing again.

Are the results of his war against war so obviously successful as to entitle Swaffer to crow over the pacifist?

WOULD IT WORK?

"But it must work," he says. Well is the other thing working?

stituilateral pacifism," says Swaffer, "would make a third world war inevitable."

Well, whatever may make a third world war mevitable, it can hardly be unilateral pacifism, because as Shaw said about Christianity, it has never been tried.

When we think of how far we are getting on with disarmament via the A and H bombs, is it not as reasonable as anything else?

We adopted a pacifist policy towards India and none of the terrible things happened which Churchill prophesied. Indeed, India is now our ally and our friend.

Herbert Morrison refused to go to war about Abadan and although the Tories accused the Labour Government of doing a scuttle, it rightly chose not to risk a war.

For a generation, prophets had been telling us that war must come over the struggle for oil in the Middle East but it just did not happen because a Labour Foreign Secretary faced the facts.

Even a Tory Government is not taking on a war with Egypt and is trying to find a way of retreating with dignity from that sector of the imperialist front.

Swaffer may say that this is not pacifism, but it looks very much like refusing to fight, which in the present-day world would mean half a dozen H bombs on Britain, effectively

ending the argument for us.

Does Swaffer really think that we would be in any greater danger in Britain today if the Americans packed up, no longer considered us

BIRTHDAY OF A BLUNDER

From page one

just as Hitlerism, Stalinism, Malanism and Jaganism did not appear from nowhere.

For years the oppression, the land-depriva tion, the humiliation went on in the name of a British public which had never heard of the Kikuyu and knew not the slightest about the condition of native land in Kenya or wages in Guiana or colour-bar in Rhodesia. Then suddenly someone got killed, the knives were out and the newspaper readers of Britain found themselves aggressed against by sinister "anti-white, anti-Christian" terror-men who cut throats and burned houses simply because of a mad unreasoning hatred of their white benefactors.

Waking up too late

So after a year of blood and anger, George Brown MP can report in the Daily Herald that there is a need "for some psychological warfare and for that we need something to fight with. The Government and the Legisla-tive Council should work out without delay a programme of improvements that can be made in the conditions of all tribes—not Kikuyu alone—and should be put into operation as soon as possible, getting the utmost African backing for it."

This time last year I heard two Kenya Africans in London pleading that similar proposals should be put into operation to prevent deepening frustration and its inevitable

It has taken the lives of three thousand men the destruction of much property and an expenditure of over a quarter of a million pounds per month to bring us to this point. Such is the psychopathology of colonialism.

UN Commission reports

A 352-page report of the special UN commission on the racial situation in South Africa has been presented to the President of UN, Mrs. Pandit.

It will be issued in about three weeks time. An Indian press agency says that the following points are made in the conclusions of the Commission;

Apartheid lowers four-fifths of the popula-tion to the level of "insulting inferiority" and renders difficult the development of their personalities. It produced "serious internal conflicts" and an increasing state of tension.

It is understood that the report will be used as a basis for further enquiry after it is con-sidered in the appropriate United Nations body.

COLOUR DEBATE TONIGHT

TIOM WARDLE of Peace News, and Jan Koens a South African member of the Royal Empire Society, are to meet in debate tonight (Friday) on the colour question in Africa.

The debate which is arranged by the Farnborough Branch of the United Nations Association will be held in the R.A.E. Technical College, Farnborough Road, at 7.45 p.m. Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall, Vicar of Aldershot will be in the chair.

Tom Wardle, who recently appeared before a UN Commission in South Africa will put the case of the non-white peoples in South Africa while Mr. Koens will defend the attitude of the white man.

The debate will be an extension of a discussion on race relations which has been going on in the local press. The public is welcome and questions are invited.

their main base in Europe, and went home!

If Swaffer wants armed force to defend us against Communism let me refer him to "Challenge to Britain" which says, "Unless we can persuade the colonial peoples that they can fulfil their aspirations in co-operation with the West, no amount of atom bombs or tanks will prevent Communism from achieving final

No, I do not contend that the pacifists have found all the answers to all the questions. All that I contend is that they are facing the facts as intelligently and courageously as any-body else. Looking on the world today, I wouldn't classify the Duke of Bedford as one of the simpletons or the boobs

Swaffer said-

" Although no one even questioned the Duke's natural goodness of heart, his pacifism made him so credulous that, in April 1940, he accepted as serious the peace terms given him by the German Legation in Dublin.

"In the months preceding the war, the Peace Pledge Union, in its efforts to prevent war, actually supported the cry of colonies for the Germans: This means that the undoubted idealists in its ranks were prepared to hand over to the Nazis millions of more potential victims of their unparalleled

"It was after the Dick Sheppard memorial meeting in the Albert Hall, however, that I obtained my greatest proof that when faced with the facts, pacifism is an ideal so impractical that, whatever may be the virtues in the cases put forward by the combatants, it might even bring about the defeat of rightcourness if the rightcours side had enough pacifists among its members.

-Daily Herald, October 14, 1953.

they replied-

Extracts from three letters in the Daily Herald, October 19, 1953.

"Would it not be better for Mr. Swaffer (to help in) fashoning the minds of the young in the belief that fighting, either with the fists or with atomic bombs is equally uncivilised?"

-Dr. Edith Summerskill, MP.

"other nations could no longer justify rearmament to their suffering populations (if) some nation takes the bold step of unilateral disarmament."

—Fred Barton, National Chairman, Inde-

pendent Labour Party.

"Fiddlesticks, Swaffer! We women know that the protection of big financial interests causes wars. That is why 2,000 delegates to the Co-op. Women's Guild Congress last May resolved to urge the end of conscrip-

-Mrs. Florence Jones, Romford, Essex Extract from an unpublished letter to the Editor of the Daily Herald:

"The Peace Pledge Union is, and always has been against colonialism in any form. It was Neville Chamberlain's refusal to call the conference which the heads of European Governments had promised George Lansbury to attend, which so disappointed him. That conference might have prevented World War II, which might well have been shortened had the Duke of Bedford's efforts for negotiations been endorsed.

Since pacifism has never been tried, how does Hannen Swaffer know that it won't work? The policy of total disarmament and persistent negotiation is a practical alternative to the self-contradictory negotiation from strength, which involves all in an armaments race. Resistance by non-violent methods is a practical alternative to violence, Both are more likely to lead to a world of peace and prosperity than preparations for atomic warfare."

-Stuart Morris, General Secretary, PPU.

HIS colleagues at Peace News office were not especially concerned when Jack overstayed his three weeks' holiday by a further week. A well-known and experienced member of the Ramblers Association and the Youth Hostels Association, country life, local history and customs and rights of way meant far more to him than material possessions and the common routine of life.

But rights of conscience, and the wrong of war, mattered deeply to him. A CO during 1939-45 he spent some time in jail, and subsequently undertook rescue and demolition work in London. He seldom missed a peace meeting in London, and his burly figure crowned with an untamable iron-grey halo of curls was a familiar sight at most PPU groups, in inumerable poster parades and demonstra-tions and wherever pacifist propaganda was being made.
Son of a distinguished Rabbi he had an

amazing and diverse fund of knowledge, was a gifted linguist and had been a part-time member of Peace News staff for four years. He had, literally and willingly, borne some

very heavy burdens in the paper's service.

A Welsh shepherd found Jack's body, rucksac beside it, on a remote road verge near Bala. At 48 he tackled the most strenuous routes with undiminished enthusiasm, but this time the spirit outpaced the flesh. Amidst the wild scenery he loved so much we believe Jack found a deeper measure of that screnity of which he wrote so wisely in a recent Peace

A memorial service was to be held yesterday morning at Golders Green Liberal Jewish Crematorium.

FACTS? Runnymede 1215-1953

It is very fitting that those who rest in nameless graves should be remembered in this place, for it was in these fields of Runnymede seven centuries ago that our fore-fathers first planted a seed of liberty which helped to spreed across the earth the conviction that man should be free and not enslaved. And when the life of this belief was threatened by the iron hand of tyranny their successors came forward without hesitation to fight, and if it was demanded of them to die for its salvation.

-Queen Elizabeth II, Runnymede, October 17, 1953.

A process had begun in June, 1215 which was to end in putting the power of the Crown into the hands of the community at large. It is for this reason that a document so technical as Magna Charter, so deficient . . so totally ignorant of the "rights of man" has had so profound and lasting an influence on the imagination of succeeding ages.

—G. M. Trevelyan, History of England.

first step towards his freedom. The Queen, in

a moving speech, made much of the willing

sacrifices made to preserve the inheritance of

occasion, no doubt it all seemed relevant and

appropriate, but it is more than likely that

"My Neighbour's Bread"

THE SPIRIT BEHIND

U.N. AID

OLWEN BATTERSBY reports the third

THERE are sixteen hundred experts, of 64

These facts were given by Dr. Ivan Smith,

Director of the United Nations Information

Centre, to emphasise the truly international character of the United Nations Technical

Assistance Plan for aid to under-developed

He was speaking at the third meeting in a series on "My Neighbour's Bread" organised

World industrial production had increased

by eight per cent, since the same two quarters

of last year, yet in spite of science and tech-

nology the gap between the standard of living

in the developed and under-developed coun-

tries was ever widening. Consumption of coal,

iron and timber were greater than at any other time in history, and unless new sources of supply could be found, many key industries

within the next 30 years would face an acute shortage of raw materials. It was within this context that the plan had to be studied.

1. Aid offered to the under-developed countries

must take the form desired by the receiving country, who must be free to pick and

choose, modify and adapt. Any programme

which failed to call forth the initiative of

the government concerned, which did not

fit into the normal cultural pattern of the

recipient country, or which involved the

continued presence of foreign experts,

"Too much emphasis has been placed on

the material resources available for these

schemes, and too little on the spirit in which

"In creating a meeting place which is not a dividing ground, where so many nations, from the East and the West, of

widely differing religious persuasions, can work together for their common interest, the

United Nations has shown the way forward

The lecture was illustrated by a film, show-

ng the work of the various UN organisations in India fighting malaria, caring for refugees, and overcoming the problem of hunger. It

concluded with the sounds of Indian dance and song, for "It is good when the face of Asia smiles."

Voice of peace from USA

TAMES BRISTOL, Director of the Com-

munity Peace Education Project of the American Friends Service Committee, arrived in London this week at the commencement of a tour of Britain and the Continent.

Mr. Bristol came to Britain at the request of the British Friends Peace Committee. In his talks he will show British audiences

something of the attitude of the liberal Ameri-

can on the grave world problems of the day. His work will also serve to make a contribu-

tion to the strengthening of the Quaker Peace

Testimony in Britain.

Mr. Bristol will stay in the United Kingdom until December 7 after which he will visit Quaker Centres at Geneva, Berlin and Paris.

For information on James Bristol's engagements see Peace News Diary, page five.

the work is undertaken.

for human society as a whole.

would be an imposition and a failure.

in London by the Society of Friends.

from 69 different countries.

He stressed two points:

Two-way traffic

session of the Quaker Seminar

nationalities, working in 97 countries, and the money provided for this work is drawn

THE names of 20,455 men and women none of them have ever read the Magna cut are inscribed in a white shrine built nor, for that matter have much idea of will it is about.

upon a high spur overlooking the meadows where, in the strange dim past, by King John, and 47 in the amended that the land the a King under duress unwillingly signed a reissued in the name of the young king lend document which was destined to catch, III in 1216. It is all highly technical to catch, and hold, the imagination of all posterity. Runnymede, chosen as a fitting place for a be fittle better than slaves. memorial to those of the Commonwealth Air

Forces who did not return from battle evokes an emotional picture of the "common" man's The protective clauses are mostly for the powerful and the wealthy classes. The villa who formed the majority of the population ge little from it; in fact the clauses which protection them are based upon the fact that they the property of their lords and therefore

freedom won on that June day in 1215.

To those who, on October 17, 1953, were touched by the solemnity and sorrow of the Trevelyan points to the probable reason land the lasting influence of this out-of-date door ment, for it is probably true that it was instrumental in the country of its total mental in denuding the Crown of its power, and thereby made possible its trans erence into the hands of the community

There is, however, nothing in it which the men from the obligation of tighting for the country if collections are the contractions of the collections of the collecti Covn if called upon to do so. In those percenturies, when proper for the so. centuries, when men fought to gain, of regain territory, or for power, or for well it was not for themselves but at the behest their rulers.

Today, in the so-called "century of the century of he believes what he is told.

The fine words and religious ceremony which took place on those historic fields on Saturdal will perhaps have given some comfort to the who came to lay their wreaths at an entit tomb and hear their Queen's tribute to be dead. dead.

It is not easy to break in upon sorrow with hard words, but if we are to escape from glamorisation of war and see it as it realist, it has to be faced, that those words, used to evoke pride in the midst of grief, are in the essence untrue. essence untrue.

The missing men, those intrepid flyers, have been willing to die; they may have been willing to kill; who knows? thoughts were their own, but their actions dictated. That they were obliged to kill-

knew they might die, is nearer to the truth "Obliteration bombing" was the deviation upon their knightly banners, and as the stead beat of many high-powered engines told the tensed and waiting populations that death who its way, it was of little importance whether the pilots were British or Russian; both were allied in the bitter and unnecessary strugg for "unconditional surrender."

To fight for freedom by compelling men of undertake the mass destruction of tens thousands of innocent and helpless human beings is a vain fight and will never achieve its end. The pitiful wreaths, the empty uselesshrines are a mere sop to sentiment; the dedication of an historic meadow a tragic sign of ignorance. ignorance.

Mutual aid was a two-way traffic, based on self-help. India had received 96 experts from abroad, but she had sent 82 of her To honour the memory of brave men is on thing; to pretend that they were free men the another. There is no freedom today from the another. people to give service in other countries. The cost of any development scheme and domination of war; the charters of the part and the charters of the labour required should be provided by the receiving country. The expert who came to teach, frequently stayed to learn. and the charters of today contain no clause protect men from this tyranny. A new charge to abolish war will be the only memorial for these wasted lives and the only hope for human race. After giving examples of UN successes in increasing local production, conserving materials previously wasted, and in preventing the diseases of cattle, the speaker concluded; human race.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION RALLY Western Area, Bristol

Saturday, November 7 At Friends Meeting House, 306 Gloucester Rosch. Horfield.

3 p.m. Area Busniness 3.30 p.m. Address by Stuart Morris 5 p.m. Tes 5.45 Sale of Produce

7 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING Stuart Morris on Peacemaking in America

Buses 5 and 5a from Tramway Centre: 5 and 6a from Old Market Street. Alight at St. Edmund's Ghurch (Immediately beyond Radnor Rd.). Please bring garden produce for sale. Arrangements provided for entertaining children during afternoon meeting.

Minnie Pallister Reginald Reynolds Donald Soper

will speak at the Dick Sheppard Anniversary gathering in Mark Ward Hall, Tavistock London, W.C.1 on

Saturday, October 31 Piano solos by COLIN HORSLEY

Refreshments 6.30 to 7,30 p.m. PEACE NEWS and PEACE PLEDGE UNION

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